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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Schneider et al

Entitled: STABLE MICROBUBBLE SUSPENSIONS AS ENHANCEMENT AGENTS FOR ULTRASOUND
ECHOGRAPHY AND DRY FORMULATIONS THEREOF

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
61 pages of specification and claims (including 60 numbered claims), and
1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number**Country****Day/Month/Year Filed**

92810837

Europe

2 November 1992

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on April 12, 1995 in prior appln. no. 08/420,677 filed April 12, 1995
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/770,216, filed January 29, 2001, which is a continuation-in-art of Serial No. 09/151,651, filed September 11, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,187,288, which is a division of Serial No. 08/883,592, filed June 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,908,610, which in turn is a division of Serial No. 08/420,677, filed April 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,686,060, which in turn is a division of Serial No. 07/134,671, filed October 12, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,445,813, which in turn claims benefit of European Patent Application No. 92810837, filed November 2, 1992., the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☒ The prior application is assigned to Bracco International B.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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